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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Derrick Robison, 31, Beloit, was sentenced today in U.S. District Court to 90 months in prison, to be followed by a four-year term of supervised release, for distributing crack cocaine.

On January 10, 2007, Robison and his co-defendant, Michael Hughes, sold approximately eight grams of crack cocaine to a police informant in Beloit, Wisconsin. Robison and Hughes were both indicted by a federal grand jury on March 8, 2007. Hughes pleaded guilty on May 4, 2007, and was sentenced on July 25, 2007, to 188 months in prison for his role in the case.

The charges against Robison were the result of an investigation conducted by the Rock County Safe Streets Task Force comprised of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives; the Drug Enforcement Administration; the Rock County Sheriff's Department; the Beloit Police Department; the Janesville Police Department; and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation-Narcotics Bureau. To date, a total of 39 defendants have been convicted of federal drug and gun charges resulting from Task Force investigations.

The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Paul W. Connell and Dan Graber.

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